GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION AND EXPORT OF RICE
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated production of rice during the ensuing Kharif season;

(b) whether the Government proposes to export rice and increase its allocation under Price Distribution System in view of its likely surplus availability in the country; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): As per the 1st Advance Estimate of Department of Agriculture and Cooperation, the estimated production of rice during the ensuing Kharif season is 83.25 million tonnes.

(b)&(c): The demand and supply projection of rice for 2008-09 and 2009-10 are as under:-

(in million tonnes)

Year	Demand	Supply
2008-09	92.87	93.9
2009-10	94.83	95.5

As per these projections, the estimated supply of rice is just sufficient to meet the domestic requirement. Hence, the Government has decided to ban the export of non-basmati rice and allow the export of basmati rice with Minimum Export Price of US $ 1200 per MT with export duty of Rs. 8000/- per MT. At present there is no proposal to increase the allocation of rice under Public Distribution System.